IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 3, 1845.
Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ATHERTON made the following

REPORT:

To accompany bill H. R. 578.7

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Joseph Watson, report:

This bill, at the last session of Congress and at the session preceding, was before the Committee on Pensions, and reported upon adversely. The committee adopt the antecedent reports, and concur in recommending the adoption of the resolution they propose.

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, APRIL 1, 1844.

Mr. JARNAGIN made the following report:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (No. 113) from the House of Representatives, for the relief of Joseph Watson, beg leave to report:

This is not the first application by Joseph Watson to Congress for a pension. Neither in the report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, nor the papers accompanying the present application, is there any thing to distinguish it from the same case reported against by the Committee on Pensions, in the Senate, on the 17th of February, 1843. That report says: "A pension is asked in this case, for a disability occasioned by an injury in the military service, in March, 1814. No application seems to have been made for it until 1838. In the opinion of the committee, there is no satisfactory evidence that the disability proceeded from any such injury. The testimony is extremely loose and indefinite. The surgeons testify with great caution: and the omission to apply for the pension for 24 years speaks strongly against the application. The disability is supposed to have been accruing gradually since the injury was received. This may explain the delay, but would, at the same time, require more full and satisfactory evidence of the connexion between the supposed cause and effect. In this particular, the evidence is altogether defective."

The committee therefore recommend that the bill be indefinitely post-

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